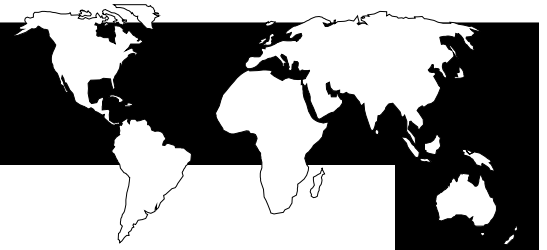


# WETLANDS ASSESSMENT



AATA International, Inc. wetland scientists routinely conduct wetland assessments and delineations to assist clients in meeting Section 404 permit requirements of the Clean Water Act. Professionals at AATA assist clients through the often complex and time-consuming regulatory requirements under a network of federal, state and local policies and regulations designed to protect wetlands. AATA's experienced team of botanists, hydrologists and soil scientists can efficiently identify and map wetlands following guidelines established in the 1987 Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual. AATA maintains close coordination with clients and Corps of Engineer officials responsible for permitting to ensure that any permits required under Section 404 are processed quickly and that any potential problems are identified early and solved so that projects are maintained on schedule and budget. Scientists at AATA can assist clients in planning their operations to minimize disturbance to wetlands and provide wetland mitigation alternatives if disturbance cannot be avoided.

For large scale wetlands mapping, AATA combines ground truthing with aerial photography (i.e. Color Infrared), and satellite imagery (LANDSAT, SPOT) to delineate wetlands and vegetation. This information can be readily combined into AATA's Geographic Information System (GIS) and integrated with other chemical, physical, and biological attribute data with computer modeling to provide clients with a powerful assessment tool.

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